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"The poor always ye have with you," and earnest as have been our efforts during the past year, the recurrence of old cases, with the addition of the new ones, makes our list a large one.

The figures in this report will show a larger work than has been done by our Society since the memorable winter of 1893-94, the reason apparently being the continuation of depression in many departments of business, so that both men and women have been out of work. A large number of families have also needed help because of sickness.

Sewing given out from the hall has again been an important part of our work. In this way many women have been able to earn a little money, in the place of receiving charity. We have had many expressions of their appreciation of this help. A large part of the material for this work, already cut into the required articles, has come from the New England Hospital. This has made our expenditure for material less, and has rendered a mutual service.

At our March meeting it was voted that our Society should resume the charge of the district beyond Boylston Street to the old Roxbury line. This part of the work was given up two years ago. It is now resumed at the request of the Associated Charities. it being very difficult for them to render aid in that district.

Our district is now a large one, and again we ask for the help and co-operation of our friends to make our work more successful than it has been in the past.

The Case Committee would gladly welcome new visitors to assist in this important part of the work. Do those, who have never had personal experience, realize what it means to be a useful visitor? Giving to the applicant fuel, groceries aud clothing is but a small part of the work. For the visitor the work calls for judgment, self-control and the ability to understand the difference between poverty and pauperism. The very worst fate that can come to the poor man is to become a pauper. Let us look to it that we do not add the stepping-stones to this fate. To the starving man we must give food, but if possible let it be only the foundation for our work. If we have been more favored than others, and learned that "in proportion as the mind becomes pure and wholesome, habitation and environment are transformed," let us teach him in the best way we know, the lesson we have learned, and also that in the intimate relationships of human society the position and character of every human being are of importance. Charity work is now a science, and if we bring to it our best intelligence we shall understand that it is "divine." The long list of men and women who have worked faithfully and successfully, and have written of their experiences and methods, should serve as guides to those of us who are new in the service.

In the course of our work we constantly meet with new and most trying obstacles. As an instance, intoxicating drinks are carried from house to house, in large wagons, and sold, not only to men, but to women who would hesitate, perhaps, to go to a public place. The sad results to families, from this cause as well as from intemperance in all its phases, are

always before charity workers, and demand the thoughtful attention of all. Cannot some earnest efforts be made in this community to lessen this degrading influence?

The amount of our subscriptions has been smaller than usual this year, and our expenditures larger. We must, however, start upon another year with renewed courage, and trust that all in our community feel that we have thus far used conscientiously, and to the best of our ability, the funds intrusted to our care, and that they will give still more liberally to our treasury this year.

We have received, as usual, gifts of clothing from many friends, coke from the Gas Company, boots from Mr. Vogel and Mr. Rooney. All these gifts have been very useful and we are most grateful for them.

In addition to the work done by our own visitors, private help has often been given by friends in special cases of sickness or need. Much of our visitors' work and many visits also do not appear upon the statistics.

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Case Committee.

The Treasurer of the Saving Society makes the following report:

Number of depositors	18
Largest amount collected in one month	$13.25
Largest amount saved by one person	$23.75
Total amount collected in the year	$99.65
The amount withdrawn in the year	$92.32

STATISTICS FOR 1897—98.

Visits reported	333
Applicants	78
New garments given away	112
Boots and rubbers given away	181
Women taking sewing	25
Articles made	827

The Friendly Society's room is in Curtis Hall, South Street. Miss L. T. Blaikie, the agent, is there from ten o'clock to one o'clock every week-day (except Saturdays and holidays), from the first Monday in October to the first Monday in May. All persons interested are invited to visit the room. Plain garments and sheets and pillow-cases are kept for sale, and made to order.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

OCTOBER 1, 1897, to OCTOBER 1, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

Balance brot. from last year	$ 603.67
Received from subscriptions	1027.10
" " sales	55.45
" cash for coal	3.25
	$1689.47

EXPENDITURES.

Agent's salary	$ 300.00
Paid for coal and wood	187.25
" " provisions and milk	126.98
" " boots and shoes	217.56
" " materials	123.20
" " printing	39.00
" " postage	11.50
" " services for sick	2.55
" " map	5.00
" " Charities Review	2.00
" " carriage to hospital	2.00
" " conference cards	1.09
" by Case Committee for work, etc.	272.32
" to Associated Charities for registration	100.00
Balance on hand	299.02
	$1689.47

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. CLARK, *Treasurer.*

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

I certify that I have examined the accounts of E. W. Clark, Treasurer of the Jamaica Plain Friendly Society, from Oct. 1st, 1897, to Oct. 1st, 1898, and find the same correctly cast, payments thereon properly vouched, and that the Treasurer charges himself as of the latter date with a balance of two hundred and ninety-nine dollars and two cents ($299.02).

CHARLES B. CUMINGS, *Auditor.*

BOSTON, October 17, 1898.

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